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In re Patent Application of)
Mitsumasa TSUCHIYA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1752
Application No.: 10/706,112) Examiner: H.V. Le
Filed: November 13, 2003) Confirmation No.: 7708
For: DEVELOPING SOLUTION FOR)
PHOTOSENSITIVE LITHOGRAPHIC)
PRINTING PLATE, PLATE-MAKING)
METHOD OF LITHOGRAPHIC)
PRINTING AND PHOTOSENSITIVE)
LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTING PLATE)

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 27, 2004, applicants hereby elect species Y-1 defined on page 48 of the specification which is within the definition of formula (I-B). Claims 16-23 read on this elected species. This election is made without traverse with the understanding that applicants will be entitled to the rights set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.141 in the event that a generic claim is found allowable.

Favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing discussion. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,
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